GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1386
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SHELLING ON BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses damaged and the details regarding loss of life and property during the last six months and till date due to Pakistani shelling on the border/LoC, State-wise;

(b) the number of families affected on account of the said shelling; and

(c) the amount of compensation given to the effective persons by the Government and the steps taken to rehabilitate them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As reported by Government of J&K the details of loss of life and property during the last six months between 1.1.2002 and 30.6.2002 as a result of shelling along the border/LoC of J&K is given as under:-

Casualties

Civilians killed 60
Security Forces personnel killed 31
Civilians injured 249
Security Forces personnel injured 130

Property damaged

Government buildings 5
Schools 3
Houses 144
Huts/Kothas 19
Religious places 2
Cattle killed 187
Cattle injured 133

There are no reports of loss of life/damage to property from other States.

(b): As intimated by the State Government of J&K, 30771 families comprising 153131 persons have been affected and have migrated from their villages near IB/LOC of the Districts Kathua, Rajouri Jammu and Poonch of J&K.

(c): A sum of Rs. 1 lakh has been given as ex-gratia relief to the NoKs of the civilians killed and Rs. 75000/- Rs.5000/- and Rs. 1000/- for permanent disability, grievous injury and minor injury respectively. State Government of J&K has announced and implemented a relief package to the border migrants as under:-

(i) free ration @11 kgs per person per month;

(ii) free Kerosene oil @ 10 liters per family per month;

(iii) cash assistance @ Rs. 400/- per person per month limited to Rs. 1600/- per family per month;

(iv) free medical aid to all the displaced persons;

(v) cash assistance for fodder @ Rs. 300/- per animal rearing family per month in those areas, which have been mined, as identified by respective Deputy Commissioners; and

(vi) free ration at sanctioned scale at the place of residence in case any of the migrants wish to return.

Expenditure on items
(i) to
(v) of the relief package for border migrants in J&K is reimbursed to the State Government by Government of India. Ministry of Defence has announced a relief package aimed at providing ex-gratia compensation to the farmers/people for the damages occurred to their crops, etc. during the preparatory stage of defence preparations/movement of armed forces in the border areas. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 21 crores has been disbursed to the affected people/farmers of Punjab and a further amount of Rs. 30 crores has been sanctioned to the State Government of Punjab. A sum of Rs. 10 crores hasbeen disbursed to the affected poople/farmers in Rajasthan and a sum of Rs. 3.75 cores has beensanctioned to the Government of J&K.As reported by the Ministry of Defence, no proposal from the Government of Gujarat has been received.